Chapter 12 - INSIGHTS TO THE SPIRITUAL REALM

All Spiritual Beings Created by God

You alone are the Lord; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and everything on it, the seas and all that is in them, and You preserve them all. The host of heaven worships You (Neh. 9:6). *p. 183*

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him (Col 1:16). *p. 183*

The word "angel" in both Hebrew and Greek means "***messenger***." *p. 183*

Vast Multitudes of Angelic Beings

A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. ***A thousand thousands ministered to Him; ten thousand times ten thousands*** *stood before Him …. (Dan. 7:10a).* *p. 183*

NT confirmation: Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands. *(Rev. 5:11).* *p. 184*

They Have Individual Personalities

The fact that three have names reveals that each angel has their own separate personality.

Gabriel; Daniel 8:16; 9:21 (Lu 1:19, 26) *p. 184*

Michael; Daniel 10:13, 21; 12:1 (NT – Jude 9; Rev 12:7)

Lucifer; Is. 14:12 (A fallen, reprobate angel)

CATEGORIES OF ANGELS

Cherubim: Cherub (single); **Cherubim** (plural) *p. 184*

Ps. 80:1 and 99:1 both speak of God being *enthroned between the cherubim*. *Two cherub images* were placed facing inward on the cover of the ark of the covenant. (2 Kings 19:15.)

Seraphim: Seraph (single) **Seraphim** (plural): Only spoken of in Is. 6:2, 6 *p. 185*

…, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, …. 2 Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. (Isa. 6:1b-2).

Archangels *p. 185*

Michael is described as one of the *chief princes* in Daniel. In the NT, Jude 9 identifies Michael as an ***archangel***. *p. 185*

Living Creatures

Ezekiel's vision of the living creatures had four faces; *ox, man, lion,* and *eagle* (Ezek. 1:10). This is the same as the four spiritual beings listed in Rev. 4:6-9. The only difference being the one described in Ezekiel has four wings and the one in Revelation has six. *p. 185*

Watchers

We know very little about the spiritual beings mentioned in Daniel 4:13. (Listed in the plural in 4:17) and described as ***holy ones***. *p. 186*

> *I saw the visions in my head while on my bed, and there was a watcher, a holy one, coming down from heaven*. Daniel 4:13 *p. 186*

DUTIES OF ANGELS AS REVEALED IN THE OT

They Worship God

> *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! 2 Praise Him, all His angels: Praise Him all His hosts! (Ps. 148:1-2).* *p. 186*

They Protect God's People

> *For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways (Ps. 91:11).* *p. 186*

> ***God sent His angel*** *and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; …." (Dan. 6:22a).* *p. 186*

> NT event: *But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out* …. (Acts 5:19). *p. 186*

They Deliver God's Messages

In 1 Chron. 21:18 an angel spoke to the prophet Gad instructing King David how to stop the plague upon the Israelites. *p. 187*

Warnings of Coming Judgments and Explaining Visions

> *Yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man* ***Gabriel****, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, … 22 And he informed me, and talked with me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill to understand." (Dan 9:21a-22).* *p. 187*

They Hold the Power of Death

Angels have the power of death. 2 Sam. 24:16-17 and 1 Chr. 21:15-16 both speak of a plague upon the people of Israel. An angel carries out the destruction. *p. 187*

Lucifer's Creation and Rebellion

Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 give us the most insight about Lucifer. *p. 188*

> *You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.*
> *You were in Eden, the garden of God**;** every precious stone was your covering;*
> *You were the anointed cherub who covers; You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.*
> *You became filled with violence within, and you sinned;*
> *Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; (Ez. 28:12-17).*

> *How you are **fallen** **from** **heaven**, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground. You who weakened the nations!* (Is. 14:12). *p. 189*

Adversary

One of the titles Lucifer has is "Satan" meaning "*Adversary*" or "*one who withstands*." This title is used seventeen times in the OT. *p. 189*

Accuser of the Brethren

> *Then he showed me Joshua, the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and **Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him**. (Zech. 3:1) p. 189*

> *NT Confirmation: … for **the** **accuser** **of our brethren**, who accused them before our God day and night has been cast down (Rev. 12:10b). p. 189-190*

Not Equal to God

Lucifer is not God. He is not equal to the True One and Only God. He can never overthrow or defeat God! He doesn't know everything and He is not all-powerful. *p. 190*

Lucifer's Future (foretold in the New Testament)

> *The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be **tormented** **day** **and** **night** forever and ever* (Rev 20:10). *p. 190*